GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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BACKLOG OF RESERVED VACANCIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a)whether `backlog/carried forward vacancies` reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs are required to be treated as a `separate and distinct group` as provided under Article 16(4) B of the Constitution to overcome 50% ceilling limit on vacancies to be reserved in an year;

(b) if so, indicate `backlog/carried forward vacancies` ascertained as per para 5 of the DOPT OM No.36012/2/96-Estt. (Res) dated July 2, 1997 in respect of (1) SCs, (2) STs and OBCs in Group A, B, C, and D categories of services as on August 29, 1997 in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries when Special Recruitment drives etc. meant for filling such vacancies were stopped;

(c) indicate year-wise such carried forward vacancies filled during the last four years and those which remain unfilled; and

(d) fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved classes in all categories of posts during the last four years as per `post based rosters`?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Ceiling of 50% on filling up of reserved vacancies would apply only on the reserved vacancies which arise in the current year and the backlog/carried forward reserved vacancies for SCs/STs of earlier years would be treated as a separate and distinct group and would not be subject to any ceiling as per DOPT O.M. No. 36012/5/97-Estt. (Res.) Vol. II dated 20.07.2000. The provisions of these instructions do not apply to the vacancies reserved for OBCs.

(b): Para 5 of the DOPT`s O.M. dated 02.07.1997 is regarding initial operation of the post based roster and identifying the excess/ shortfall in respective categories in the cadre and not about backlog/carried forward vacancies.

(c) & (d): Policy matters relating to SCs/STs/OBCs reservations, special drives etc. are dealt by DOPT. The Ministry of ARI came into being on 01.09.2001. There was no separate cadre for the said Ministry before its creation on 01.09.2001. It was, therefore, not possible to identify SCs/STs/OBCs vacancies for Ministry of ARI for filling during special recruitment drive.